BY THE

COMMISSIONERS

At *LEITH.*

FOraſmuch as by the bleſsing of the LORD upon the late proceedings of the *Engliſh* Nation in their councels, enterpriſes and engagements with *Scotland*, the Common-VVealth of *England* hath obtained lawfull Right and Title to all Dues, Debts, Rents, Royalties and Revenues, what or whereſoever belonging to the late King of *Scotland*, of which, a juſt and true accompt is expected from all and every perſon or perſons concerned in the premiſſes.

Theſe are therefore to require, That within the ſpace of ~ ~ ~ ~ dayes after publication hereof, in the County of *the Merch* all Fue-Duties, Rents, Profits and Caſualities within the County aforeſaid, (being ſuch as aforeſaid, and immediatly payable to the Exchequer, and which have been uſually ſo paid by the Tennants, Fuars, or Subtennants, from whom the ſame are due) be for time to come, brought in, and tendred to the Commiſsioners in *Leith*.

And foraſmuch as the Petty-Impoſts of the reſpective Counties and Towns of this Nation, have been Farmed out to divers Perſons; Theſe are therefore to require all ſuch Perſons, Collectors, or Farmorers of the aforeſaid Petty-Impoſts, with all convenient ſpeed, to bring in what is preſently remaining in their hands; And ſuch of them as are willing to hold the ſame, as formerly, ſhall (for the ſpace of a year enſuing) be continued in the ſaid Charge, and have power given them to Collect what ſhall be judged to be juſtly in Arrear.

And if any perſon (after ſuch publication as aforeſaid) ſhall preſume to fail hereof, or be found to deal deceitfully herein, by denying or concealing any part of that Rent or Duty paiable as aforeſaid, he ſhall thereby forfeit ſo much as he hath, holds and claimes, by the paiment of ſuch Rents and Duties. And that the aforeſaid Tennants and Fuars (upon paiment of their reſpective Rents and Duties) may receive a full Diſcharge from the Commiſſioners aforeſaid, they are required to produce ſuch Acquittances or Diſcharges, (as they laſt and formerly received from the Exchequer) whereof they may not fail.

And upon the aforeſaid Penalty, all Tennants, Fuars, and Subtennants, who are not bound (as aforeſaid) to bring in their Rents and Duties to the Exchequer, but to make paiment thereof to Collectors, Chamberlains, or other Officers within the ſaid County, are required by theſe preſents, to make paiment of their ſaid Rents and Duties (either preſent, or in arrear) to Maſter ~ *Willm. Baynes* ~ and Maſter *Alexander Hunter* being by Us appointed and authorized to Collect the ſame: diſcharging all Chamberlains, and other Officers for the late King, from dealing or intermedling therewithall, as heretofore.

Furthermore, VVe require and charge all other perſons, of the aforeſaid County, indebted to the late King, upon any Accompt whatſoever, to make paiment thereof to the aforeſaid Parties, within ſuch reaſonable time as they ſhall ſee cauſe to ſet.

Laſtly, all Chamberlains, Collectors, and other Officers, being of, or for the ſaid County, and concerned in the premiſſes, as accomptable and indebted for what they have received and upliſted (or for any part thereof remaining in their hands) are hereby charged and required to accompt and make paiment thereof to the Parties above-named; which is accordingly to be performed upon pain of forfeiting the double value.

Given under our hands this firſt of March 1651.

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